



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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Mr. Valdas Adamkus  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region V  
77 West Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Mr. Adamkus:

Re: Draft Record of Decision  
American Chemical Services  
Superfund Site, Griffith, IN

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has reviewed the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA's) draft Record of Decision (ROD) for the American Chemical Services Superfund site. The IDEM is in full concurrence with the major components of the selected remedy outlined in the draft ROD, which include:

- ground water pumping and treatment system to dewater site, contain contaminant plume, and discharge treated ground water to surface water and wetlands
- excavation of approximately 400 drums in the on-site containment area for off-site incineration
- excavation of buried waste materials and treatment by low-temperature thermal treatment (LTTT)
- vapor emission control during excavation and possible immobilization after LTTT, if necessary
- off-site disposal of miscellaneous debris
- in-situ vapor extraction (ISVE) pilot project on buried waste in on-site area
- in-situ vapor extraction of contaminated soils
- continued evaluation and monitoring of wetlands
- long-term ground water monitoring

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- fencing the site and providing, to the extent possible, deed and access restrictions and deed notices
- private well sampling and possible closures or ground water use advisories

We also agree, that the selected remedy is protective of human health and the environment, complies with Federal and State requirements that are legally applicable or relevant and appropriate to the remedial action, and is cost-effective. This remedy utilizes permanent solutions and alternate treatment technologies to the maximum extent practicable and satisfies the statutory preference for remedies which employ treatment that reduces toxicity, mobility, or volume as a principal element.

IDEM staff has been working closely with Region V staff in the selection of an appropriate remedy and is satisfied that the selected alternative adequately addresses the public health, welfare, and the environment with regard to the American Chemical Services site.

Please be assured that IDEM is committed to accomplish cleanup at all Indiana sites on the National Priorities List and intends to fulfill all obligations required by law to achieve that goal.

Sincerely,



Kathy Prosser  
Commissioner

cc: Wade Hartwick, U.S. EPA